

ABSTRACT

G-IIA-260

MASON-DIXON LINE: MILESTONE NO. ---(215) 1767 (survey), 1902 (monument, now  
Polk Hill area, Maryland/Pennsylvania missing from site)  
Public/private

Milestone No. ---(215), removed prior to the inundation of the area at the time of construction of the Youghiogheny River dam in 1943, was set in 1902 as a new monument to mark a new point on the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary a little more than 191 miles west of the northeast corner of Maryland, the beginning of Mason and Dixon's 230.228-mile West Line, the English provincial boundary later known as the Mason-Dixon Line, famous for its historical impact and innovative survey methods. The monument, identical to 65 other monuments of 1902 set west of Sideling Hill to visually reestablish the boundary, was a very plain dressed marble post with a low pyramidal top, quarried and carved in Cockeysville, Maryland; measured about 10 inches square by about  $4\frac{1}{2}$  feet long (cut to stand about  $1\frac{1}{2}$  feet high above ground); and was embellished only by the capital letter P to face Pennsylvania on the north, M to face Maryland on the south, the year 1767 to face east (the year this area was originally surveyed and marked), and 1902 to face west (the year when the area was resurveyed and the new monument set). The significance of the site, now unmarked and obliterated by the flooding, is negligible; and that of the monument, if found, only as it can be utilized as an addition or replacement on the Line.

(NOTE: followup documentation will be provided for the record during Phase II of the Mason-Dixon Line field inspection project)

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name) \*

historic (Mason and Dixon's) West Line

\* and/or common Mason-Dixon Line: Milestone No. --- (1900-03 Resurvey Monument No. 215)

## 2. Location NOTE: site inundated at time of Youghiogheny River impoundment

street & number (former site) off east side of Youghiogheny River \_\_\_ not for publication

city, town Polk Hill area \_\_\_ vicinity of congressional district MD: 6 / PA: 12

state Maryland/Pennsylvania county MD: Garrett / PA: Somerset

## 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status N/A	Present Use	
___ district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	___ occupied	___ agriculture	___ museum
___ building(s)	___ private	___ unoccupied	___ commercial	___ park
___ structure	___ both	___ work in progress	___ educational	___ private residence
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	___ entertainment	___ religious
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> object	___ in process	___ yes: restricted	___ government	___ scientific
	___ being considered	___ yes: unrestricted	___ industrial	___ transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no (site)	___ military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other boundary

## 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners) marker/site

(monument only; see Thematic Group NR nomination form and surrounding property ownership list)  
name State of Maryland/Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

street & number telephone no.:

city, town state and zip code

## 5. Location of Legal Description

(see Thematic Group NR nomination form and surrounding property ownership list)  
courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. liber

street & number folio

city, town state

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Garrett County Historic Sites Inventory

date G-IIA-260 entered 9/4/81 \_\_\_ federal ☒ state \_\_\_ county \_\_\_ local

depository for survey records Maryland Historical Trust

city, town Annapolis state Maryland 21401

## 7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> moved date of move c. 1943 (?) monument
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unexposed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not known	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not known	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> additional site (1902)

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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The area here now is flooded by the Youghiogheny River impoundment and the 1902 site lost (except for the recording and engineer's map on file in the National Archives for the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary). Until these original field notes and maps can be reviewed as part of Phase II of this marker inspection project, a site description cannot be completed. And until the monument is again located, its existence and condition cannot be determined.

(see Thematic Group National Register nomination form for descriptions of the 1900-03 Resurvey monuments and methods of setting)

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HISTORY AND SUPPORT (see Thematic Group National Register nomination form)

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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(see Thematic Group National Register nomination form)

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property N/A (site now within impoundment area)Quadrangle name Friendsville (MD-PA-WV), 1947/1974Quadrangle scale 1:24 000

USGS 7.5 minute series (topographic) NOTE: site not shown (see Plate LXXI, 1900-03 Resurvey)

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification N/A

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state Maryland code county Garrett codestate Pennsylvania code county Somerset code

## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Alice Martin (volunteer, Mason and Dixon's West Line boundary marker surveyor)organization Maryland Historical Trust andMaryland Geological Surveydate 7/25/81 (site accounted for;  
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The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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HASON EDIXON WEST LINE BOUNDARY MARKERS: MILESTONE

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(25)

FRIENDSVILLE QUADRANGLE

MARYLAND-PENNSYLVANIA-

WEST VIRGINIA

PENNSYLVANIA  
AL RESOURCES  
IC SURVEY

USGS 7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

1947 PHOTO REV. 1974

1540 000 FEET (W.V.A.)

SCALE: 1" = 2000'

79°22'30"

39°45'

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CONFLUENCE

